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1.   This Office action is in response to Applicant's Reply Brief, filed on 4/9/2004.

2.   The Reply Brief filed on 4/9/2004 has been considered and noted. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

3.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 703 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

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